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DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS
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RE: Workforce Attachment and
Advancement (WAA)
Deobligation/Reobligation of
Funds

To: W-2 Agency Directors
Workforce Development Boards

From: Bettie A. Rodgers /s/
Division Administrator

Purpose

To communicate the reobligation of WAA funds available for expenditure through December 31, 2003. The attached document provides the list of agencies deobligating funds and the amounts for those receiving reallocated funding.

Background

In accordance with Act 33, the Biennial Budget, new funding for WAA was not authorized effective July 1, 2003. Current contracts will end December 31, 2003. The Department is authorized to spend available funds through December 31, 2003.

Expenditure reports indicated that there would be unspent funds. Therefore, a deobligation / reobligation process was implemented to assure funds are used where needed and to maximize the use of all available funds. The Division of Workforce Solutions conducted a survey of the W-2 agencies and Workforce Development Boards (WDBs a.k.a. Workforce Investment Act – WIA - agencies) with WAA programs to determine whether agencies would have unspent funds for deobligation. At the same time, agencies/WDBs were asked to submit requests for additional funds. The following are the results:

Amount deobligated - \$265,349

Amount of Requests for Additional Funds - \$633,997

Given that there is not enough deobligated funding to meet the requested needs, the priority for reobligation focused on serving W-2 Program participants due to the significant funding reductions in programs funded by Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF). The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) programs have not been required to absorb any recent cuts. The following provides the breakout by track:

Track 1 (W-2) agencies deobligated \$226,430 and requested \$346,997
Track 2 (WIA) agencies deobligated \$38,919 and requested \$287,000

Method of Reobligation:

All funds were reobligated in the same track where the deobligation occurred. The reobligation was done within WDA first, and any voluntary deobligations that were not needed within the WDA were put in a pool and reallocated to those agencies in that track whose requests were not met within their WDA.

The reobligations (within WDA and within track) were done on the basis of each agency's percentage of their current WAA allocation.

The Department discussed this methodology with representatives of the Wisconsin Counties Human Service Association, the W-2 private agencies, and the Workforce Development Boards.

Grant/Contract Changes

The DWS Regional Office Administrators and Local Planning Liaisons will be collecting information from you for preparation of grant/contract modifications or amendments in accordance with the attached document.

Contact for Questions

If you have any questions about this memo, please contact Jacquie Piraino at 608-266-3804 or jacquie.piraino@dwd.state.wi.us.

Attachment